



HOUSE BILL 1212: Burlington Charter/Revision and Consolidation

2013-2014 General Assembly

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| Committee: | House Finance | Date: | June 19, 2014 |
| Introduced by: | Reps. S. Ross, Riddell | Prepared by: | Trina Griffin |
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 1212 revises and consolidates the Charter of the City of Burlington. The Proposed Committee Substitute reinstates language related to the City's ability to make special assessments that was inadvertently removed in the House Government Committee.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S861, as introduced by Sen. Gunn, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW: The Charter of the City of Burlington is contained in the provisions of 11 local acts of the General Assembly, enacted from 1961-2010.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1212 contains standard Charter provisions:

- Establishing the City.
- Restating its existing corporate limits.
- Providing for a four-member city council elected at-large in odd-numbered years with staggered four-year terms.
- Providing for two-year terms for the Mayor.

Notable additional provisions of the Charter include:

- Sec. 5.03 authority to regulate ambulances and wreckers.
- Sec. 5.51 concerning powers of the Fire Department to destroy property to stop fires.
- Sec. 6.67 procedure for special assessments for water and sewer mains between streets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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